

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire September 10, 2004. Claims 1, 5, 8, 13, 21, 24, 27 and 32 have been amended, claims 10-12 and 29-31 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in regard to the use of the acronym "CTS." The claims have been amended herein to replace the acronym with the spelled out phrase "constant torque spring."

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 20 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 12-20 and 31-39 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth above and to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. In view of the indicated allowability of dependent claims 12, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 12 and all intervening claims, which have been canceled accordingly. Similarly, independent claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 31 and all intervening claims. Applicants therefore submit that claims 1, 21 and all claims depending therefrom have been placed in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney of record at (512) 343-6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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